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**Subject:** Objections and comments on Crossing Trails Resort (Powell Butte)  
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Submitted via email to Crook County Planning Commission  
June 27, 2022

**CROOK COUNTY**  
**JUN 28 2022**  
**PLANNING DEPT**

*Steven R. Sheppherd and Starla R. Sheppherd (the Objectors)*  
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As interested parties whose 10 acre property adjoins the Crossing Trails land on two sides, we formally request the following:

1. This objection to be entered into the record.
2. To receive notice of any hearing or decision related to this project.
3. To be allowed to present evidence or testimony at any and all hearings pertaining to this project
4. Request that there is a hearing on the legality of the initial conditional use permit as we believe it is void and therefore doing any modification is useless.
5. We would like to receive an answer to why the expiration of the original permit was extended 22 months. This certainly seems to be contrary to the code. This permit should have become void over a year ago.
6. Have other builders been allowed grace time when missing a deadline?

**Other concerns:**

**WATER WELL - State of Emergency in Central Oregon per the Governor**

We are very concerned about the use of 300,000 gallons of water, some from a private well located two miles north of the property. We would like to know if the owner of that new well has complied with all the statutes and rules for what is an affect a water system.

We would like to know if the Water Master has been notified that they are providing water to 750 residences.

We are concerned because of Crook County being one of the several counties declared to be in a water state of emergency. We know of several wells going dry

*Our is well is literally 10 feet from the property line of Crossing Trails.*

**DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE**

We understand many thousands of gallons of sewage would be somehow treated and put out on the irrigation in the south west corner. This also borders a COI ditch which then runs *through our property*. This is a concern for smell and sanitation. Many newcomers do not realize the possible severity of winters here. For example in 1973 it was 20 below zero for a week. What happens to the sewage then?

**TRAFFIC REPORTS**

I saw the traffic reports but they were from a long time ago. Central Oregon is growing so fast they *nearly change weekly*. This would be a disaster.

I hate to see a Michigan developer and an out of town owner cash the big checks and leave town while we locals and our descendants suffer with the traffic and the water problems for years to come because of a so called "Destination" Resort that will really only benefit visitors from out of town.

I do not see any of our local people using this so-called resort.

*The closure of Wiley Road* is a problem as many of us use that road as a shortcut to Prineville. With daily trips to take care of our mother this closure would add 4 miles per day or 120 miles per month. At the current fuel prices it will cost us an additional \$50 per month plus about 3 hours travel time.

**FIRE**

Since we border the property on two sides we have been very, very careful of fire and yet we understand there will be fire pits galore on resort property.

**COSTS TO US AND TO THE COUNTY**

I have to stress many people are spending a lot of time and money dealing with this situation. That would include hiring attorneys and other expenses. I am sure the county is spending a lot of money too and so I would like to see a ruling on the validity of the original permit post haste.

**THANK YOU**

I appreciate your diligence in this matter. Our main concern is that it appears the original conditional use permit is not valid in that and it has expired.

We see no authority in the code for the 22 month extension and would like answers.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion. It is our county and our community.

*Steve & Starla Sheppherd*



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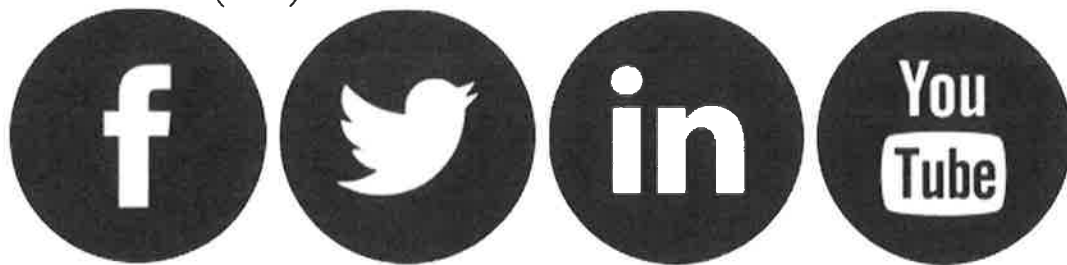
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